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CITY OF WASHINGTON, TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23, 1856.

Proposals for Erecting the Custom-house, &c., at Plattsburgh, New York. OFFICIAL.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
November 29, 1856.
Siz: The following report exhibits the operations of this branch of the public service for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1856, and also for the quarter ending 30th September. 1856:

branch of the public service for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1856, and also for the quarter ending 30th September, 1856:

During the year ending September 30, 1856, the new lands surveyed for market, exclusive of school sections, and the approved plats of which have been returned to this office, embrace an area of 16,873,699 acres.

The portion of this surveyed surface which lies on the Pacific covers 9,991,884 acres.

Adding the area first above mentioned to the quantity of surveyed new lands in the year 1855, we have the quantity of 41,118,443 acres; of which 17,573,654 acres are situated in the State of California and in the Territories of Oregon, Washington, Kansas, Nebraska, and Utah. The particulars are presented in the following tabular exhibit:

Exhibit of the Quantities of Public Land, exclusive of the Sixteenth, or School Sections, Advertised for sale in the year 1856, the Quantities Prepared for Market and not yet Advertised, and the Probable Quantities which will be Prepared in 1857.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Washington, December 10, 1856.

DROPOSALS will be received at this department until the 18th day of fishruary, A. D. 1857, at 18 o clock, now, for the construction of the custom-house, post office, and court-rooms authorized to be erected at Philasburgh, New York, according to the plans and specifications prepared at this department; said proposals to be inher for the whole building, or separate for the different kinds of work; bills of parcels must in every case accompany each bid, with the amount of each kind of work, and the total amount carried out; the department reserving the right to reject or accept the proposals never by invited, or any parts thereof, when it deem the right to exclude the bids of any person or persons whom there is just cause to believe will not initially perform the contracts, which we have stronged to obtain by indirection; and all bids when there shall be parties in interest who do not join in the bids, and all bids that, upon investigation, are below a fair price for the work.

Bids will not be received in gross, and no contract will be awarded to a bidder unless details are furnished the department of the prices of the different kinds of work and materials, which is shall be subject to the revision of the department, so that it may adopt the whole or part of the bid, as the interest of the United States was required.

Notice is hereby given to holders of stock of the loans of the United States, will pay, in additional interest search and the vendor, the following rates of purminum of \$1,500,000 shall be per cent. For the stock of 1857, and 1848, a premium of 16 per cent.

Certificates of stock it ransmitted to the department of the work and materials, which shall be subject to the revision of the department of the stock of 1850, commonly called Texas Indemnity Stock, a premium of the part half-year's interest must be assigned by the present sized by the estimate of an agent of the department, appointed for the stock.

Payment for the stocks so assigned and tr

whole or part of the bid, as the interest of the Unite. States may require.

Ninely per cent. of the amount of work done and materials delivered, according to contract price, [said amount to be ascertained by the estimate of an agent of the department, appointed for that purpose, will be paid from time to time, as the work progresses, and acceptance of the work, &c., by the agent affersaid, and be forfeited in the avoid will be awarded only to master builders and mechanics, and the sasignment thereof, except by consent of the Secretary of the Treasury, will be a warded only to master builders and mechanics, and the assignment thereof, except by consent of the Secretary of the Treasury, will be a forfeiture of the same.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a written guarante, signed by two responsible persons, (certified to be so by the United States district judge or attorney of the and district,) in the sum of \$6,000, for the whole work, or of a proportionate amount, if for any past, that the bidder will, when required, if his proposal be accepted, enter into a contract and bond, with proper and sufficient securities for its faithful performance.

urities for its faithful performance. Form of bond and certificate required will be furnished on appli-ation to the department.

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N. bid will be considered unless it fully complies in all its details with the requirements of this advertisement.

The proposals must be sent to this department, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and plainly endorsed "Proposals for the Flattburg Custom-house," and will be opened at one o'clock, p. m., of the last day named for receiving the same.

JAMES GUTHRIE,

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Froposals for Erecting the Custom-House, &c., at Galveston, Texas.

TREASURY DEFARMENT,

Washington, December 10, 1856.

PROPOSALS will be received at this department until the 12th
day of February, A. D. 1857, at 12 o'clock, noon, for he construction of the custom-house, post office, and court-rooms authorized to be erected at Gauveston: Texas, according to the plans and specifications prepared at this department; said proposals to be either for the whole building, or separate for the defirent kinds of work; bills of parcels must is every case accompany each bid, with the amount of each kind of work, and the total amount carried out; the department reserving the right to reject or accept the proposals hereby livited, or any parts thereof, when it deems the accrete of the United States requires 11; the department also reserves the right to exclude the hids of any person or persons whom there is not carried to believe will not faithfully perform the contracts, or which they have attempted to obtain by radirection; and all bids that, upon investigation, are below a fair price for the work.

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Contracts will be awarded only to master builders and mechanics, and the assignment thereof, except by consent of the Secretary of the Treasury, will be a forfeiture of the same.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by two responsible persons, (certified to be so by the United States district, judge or attorney of the said district,) in the sum of \$5,000, to the whole work, or of a proportionate amount, if for any part, that the bidder will, when required, if his proposal be accepted, enter into a contract and bond, with preper and sufficient securities for the faintful periormance. Form of bond and certificate required will be furnished, together with plans, specifications, and working drawing, on a polication to the Separtment.

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JAMES GUTHRIE, Secretary of the Treasury.

Office of Egerton & Brother, EXCHANGE PLACE.

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Making an aggregate in acres of For the quarter ending September 30, 1856, there were sold for cash, part estimated, Located with military bounty-land warrants,

anali be done score the time fixed for the public sale of the land. To compel a consummation of the entry, it is necessary to proclaim the land for public sale. Were a time fixed by law within which the proof of settlement and improvement should be presented and payment made, it would obviate the necessity of public sales, and leave the entire public domain to the settlers under the pre-emption laws. An amendment of the act of 1841, with this view, is recommended.

During the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1856, there were sold for each, acres.....

In addition, there have been reported under enemy

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grants, acres.
Estimated quantity covered by railroad grants,
by acts of May, June, and August, 1856,
and ascertained quantity of other internal

Making total acres......

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Being for said quarter, acres Making a grand aggregate for the five quar-ters ending 30th September, 1856, of acres...

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198	year ending lune 30, 1856 huring the third quarter ending dept. 30, 1856			tioned act, exthe event of tented to him titled to goo Congress in warrant.	tends to the Acir his death, and i, it is found wor d land, in accor conferring upon		ddier. If in en duly pa- hould be en- intention of right to the	return the originals. Shoul the appearance of contestants donment of the contest.	d there be any u s, it will be treat ural statement o	ndue delay in ed as an aban- f the quantity	that event, the selections will be complete. As regards the 60,832 acres of old selections, on account of this grammation of the confirmation of Congress, they are still with held rom sale at the written request of the honorable chairman of the Committee on Public Lands of the Hous of Representatives, to await the legislation which had beer expected on the matter.
e tope is	9,526,6	Acres	Number of acres sold for cash at and above the min- imum price, \$1 25.	of May 30, 11 satisfaction of der act of Se	30, has been gras f United States ptember 16, 1776 following tables	exhibit the pro	d soldiers in is issued un-	States.	Total selections reported un- der the grant.	plied for by	The following is a statement of this grant as it nov stands, viz: Quantity granted under the several acts
, ca, ,, ca,		D	2000	adjustment of	f the swamp g ted to the State	rants under the of Louisians, and	act of 1849,	Indiana. Illinois Missouri. Mississippi	3,235,233.48 3,374,205.13	5,038,08 672,560.00 102,113.43 90,160.00	Do. selected and regularly approved208,303 Do. selected under the special certificate not approved
De Bocho	24 23	Dollars.	Amount received therefor.	Arkansas- Florida Wisconsti California Tota	Indiana Illinois Missouri Alabama Mississipp Iowa Louisiana Do Michigan	Sta	Bahibiting	Iowa Louisiana Arkansas Florida	1,097,715.84 10,686,231.00 8,520,792.50	150,320.00 2,240.00 142,840.00 3,180.00	Leaves acres. 9,17 To be selected, should Congress confirm by law the old se
1, 190, 120	8 8	Acres.	Number of acres sold at grad- uated prices.	and O	act [849) 1839)	1 1	the quan	Total The contested quantity in	42,628,158.94	1,168,451.51	lection of 60,832 acres, which is of lands not offered; otherwise that amount must be added to the last mentioned quantity to be selected under existing laws from any vacant lands, in the State, subject to private entry.
14 1,500,000		Dollars.	Amount received for the same.	2,729,813.15 2,808,483.43	* <u>926, 88</u> 10,390 .00 67,913 .49	Third quarter 1855.	tily of Land so	the foregoing estimate, by re the railroad, under the law r construction of a railroad branches to the Mississippi a allowed the contestants to upon the application of the g	ason of a contest naking a grant from Cairo to nd Fort Smith, present proof	on the part of to aid in the Fulton, with The period was extended,	The surveys in the State of Iowa have now progress sufficiently for closing the adjustment, within the limits that State, of the Des Moines river grant, under the act 8th August, 1846, but no further action can be taken un the compromise proposition for the final settlement of t
34 3,000,040	1	Acres.	Number of acres located with military warrants.	2,538,719.01 2,538,999.59	8: : 18: :	Fourth quarter 1855.	lected for the 1849, a	the State, to the 29th Octob bracing 116,000 acres of the mate have been received in ants, and others are expected By a resolution of the 7th	per, 1856, and a quantity in the behalf of the ra l. h May last, the	affidavits em- aforesaid esti- ilroad claim- Senate called	grant, recently proposed in the opinion of the Attorne General, and adopted by the department, shall be either a cepted or rejected by the proper authorities. In the mer time, the lands in dispute, above the Raccoon Fork, appet to be intersected by three of the lowa railroad grant made by the act of 15th May last, thus creating a thir party to the already complicated condition of this busines
6,000,874	6,036,874 None.	Acres	Number of acres reported under swamp-land grant.	199,059,83	29, 709, 70 17, 06 25, 927, 41 64, 629, 38	Pirst quarter 1856.	No. 1, several Sta nd Septembe	upon the department to report to give full effect to the sws A report was made, and cert The subject is now adverted the legislation most requisi	amp grant and on ain legislation in to with the sur	ulet conflicts. ecommended. gestion that	The following will show the amount selected and a proved, of lands situated in the State of Iowa, for th grant, up to date:
5	3 5	Acn	Number of acres granted for	358, 165.98 437, 329, 76	374.66 90,511.91 397.19 39,815.44 18,064.58	Second quarter 1806.	ates under er 28, 1850	time within which selections secure bona fide settlers who lying on the State title in cas claim.	must be made have gone upon e of the rejection	, and next to the lands, re- of the State's	Situated below the Raccoon Fork. Approved July 13, 1848, by Secretary R. J. Acres. Walker
680,870 9,	99	ires.	internal improvements, railroads, &c.	1	90, 751.92 90, 751.92 91, 904.95 14, 351.56	Third quarter	the acts	The swamp-land business yet entirely unsettled, althou has taken place on the subject authorities of the State. In	igh important co ct between this May last the regi	orrespondence office and the ster at Marys-	Approved October 30, 1851, by Secretary A. H. H. Stuart. List No. 1
,348,034 17		Dollars.	Total amount received for lands sold for eash, at all prices.	91::91			of Congre	ville reported that many sur returning to the authorities, shown by the plats to be of of the legislature parties	as swamp, tract that character; e allowed to take	s of land not hat by an act up claims of	" " 2
41,715,39	-	Acres	Total number of acres sold for eash and otherwise dis- posed of.		957.74 555.03 540.86		ess approv	320 acres of "swamp and ove veyors were employed in loc cases within his own know who had complied with the laws, found their "lands, i	ating the same; vledge settlers in the United States	that in many a good faith,	Approved December 17, 1853, by Secretary R. McClelland33,142.43 Dec. 30, do12,813.51 45,055.94
8	88 33	1	posed of.	11,630 9,350 12,350	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Total since date	ed Ma	houses covered up by these claims, taken up on speculation	swamp and ov	erflowed land	Making aggregate approved

The following table exhibits the condition of bounty land bust ness under the acts of 1847, 1850, 1852, 1855, on September 30, 1856

	nd not	of survey	of which	red for het nd- he, on 1856.	quantities, of survey of expected to d in the year	ness und 30, 1856.	er the a	icts of 1647	, 1650 t of 184	, 1852, 185 7.	5, on S	eptember		
States and Ter- ritories.	1856, and r		eral Land	Quantities prepared financial and not yet a vertised for sale, (30th Sentember, 185)	of surv of surv e expec	of war-	ă ă	embc'd by.	r loca-	embe'd aby.	ing.	embe'd		
	Quantity sale in postpon	last annu	Since the	Quantities market, ar vertised 30th Sent	Estimated the plats of which are en be returned is 1857.	Grade c	Number sued.	Acres en thereby	Number ted.	Acres en thereby	Number on standing.	Acres		
	Acres	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	160 acre	79,979 7,503	12,795.590 300,120	73,591 5,943		6,451 1,560	1,039,16e 62,4e0		
Ohio Iediana Michigan		609,701		609,701		Total	87,475	13,095,640	79,464	12,001,080	8,011	1,094,560		
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Louisiana Mississippi		90,530	TO BRIDA	90,535,132		Total	188,864	13,144,08	161,974	11,540,480	26,890	1,603,600		
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Total 16,662,974 6,881,815 23,544,789 4,284,006 166 acre . 1					1,990		897		323	51,680				
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	n Ter 368,825 234,348 603,173 1,152,00 erritory		2,850,000	Total	11,977	693,280	9,490	540,080	2,467	153,200				
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Total		7,581,770	9,991,884	17,573,654	14,800 940	160 acre	43,764 F6,145		15,083	4,819,320	97,681 45,984	4,588,960 5.518,080		
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		*Railroad	lands.			10 "	5	50	9	90	3	30		
It will be se	en by	this stat	tement the	of is gr	antity of	Total	72,909	20,756,310	73,564	8,600,940	99,345	12,067,370		
at any previou	s perie	od in the	history of	the land	system.			8	ummary	1.				
In regard to Mississippi, the						Act 1847	87.475	13,095,640	79,464	19,001,080	8,011	1,094,540		

In regard to the new lands in and near the valley of the Mississippi, the progress of actual settlement has been so rapid under the pre-emption system, and the propriety of dealing with this class of our citizens in the most liberal spirit so obvious, that it has not been deemed advisable to precipitate public sales of these lands; and this fact accounts for the present great accumulation over former years, and for the small quantity introduced into market by public sale during the year 1856. Except so far as confident of the sale during the year 1856. Except so far as a spirit so decire the public lands to actual settlers thereon, and withhold them, as far as practicable, from speculators. This may be accomplished under the present system by a slight modification of the pre-emption laws. In the case G'd Total., 461,925 47,691,310 324,492 32,772,580 135,733 14,918,736 The views of this office relative to the power of revision exercised by the department in the examination of Virginia military warrants filed for scrip pursuant to the "act of August 31, 1862," are presented in the last annual re-

Act 1847. 57.473 13,095,640 79,464 19,001,080 8,011 1,094,540,650 1865. 186,874 13,144,080 161,974 11,549,480 26,890 1,602,680 1,602,680 1859. 11,977 689,869 9,49 540,080 9,487 153,300 1855. 172,909 30,758,310 73,564 8,599,949 99,345 12,067,370

port.

During the year ending October 18, 1856, warrants have been filed under this act amounting to 90,484 acres, of which amount 56,291 acres have been satisfied by the issue of scrip under act of 1852, leaving suspended or reliented 23,004 acres. slight modification of the pre-emption laws. In the case of lands not subject to private entry, not having been offered at public sale, the existing laws prescribe no limited period within which the pre-emptor shall complete his entry by the requisite proof and payment, except that it shall be done before the time fixed for the public sale of the cted 23,094 acres.

The state of this business is such that all claims can

The state of this business is such that all claims can promptly be satisfied upon presentation.

There are also now filed in this office, in addition to the quantity mentioned as suspended and rejected, claims amounting in the aggregate to 120,000 ocres, which are not in a condition to be finally disposed of, owing to the want of material evidence to perfect them, such as proofs relating to heirship, evidence of service, and minor points. Besides this, many claims are still outstanding, including those warrants located in the military districts of Kentucky and Ohlo, and which have been lost by interference with previous valid locations, amounting probably, in the

of those warrants located in the military districts of Keatucky and Ohio, and which have been lost by interference with previous valid locations, amounting probably, in the aggregate, to 100,000 acres.

In connexion with this subject, attention is again invited to the vacant land lying in the Virginia military district, Ohio, ceded to the United States by the State of Virginia, December 9, 1252, pursuant to the "act of Angust 31, 1852," and the recommendation is repeated, that it be donated to the State of Ohio for school purposes, with the commendation of the right of purchase to those having surveys adjacent to such vacant lands. It is also suggested that the act of March 3, 1855, entitled "an act allowing the further time of two years to those holding lands by entries in the virginia military district in Ohio which were made prior to 1st January, 1852, to have the same surveyed and patented," may be so extended for a period of five years, or without restriction as to time, as to enable parties in whose name such entries stand to perfect them by survey, and obtain a legal title. Many of these entries stand in the name of non-residents, viz: the officers or soldiers in whose names the warrants issued, or their heirs-at-law, and who, if barred from perfecting their claims, have no other recourse than to receive land scrip in lieu thereof, pursuant to the act of 1852.

There have been issued thirty-eight patents for land in this district from the 1st July, 1855, to October 18, 1856, amounting to 3,411 acres.

Authority from Congress is desired to perfect a number

Total	Ohio Ohio Indiana Indiana Illinois 925.55 Alabama 10,200,00 fowa 1	States	Buhivising the quantity of Land selected for the several 1849, and Sopte
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1,099,739.98	14,638.01 90,751.92 91,904.98 14,381.56 1119,985.04	Third quarter 1856.	
6,024,165.50 02,988,918.32	30, 694, 36 34, 957, 74 36, 134, 60 184, 505, 03 18, 540, 86 55, 924, 87 5, 625, 698, 14	Year end'g June 30, 1856.	acts of Congress approved March
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States.	Total selections reported un- der the grant.	Quantity ap- plied for by contestants.
Indiana	1,329,835.83	5,038,08
Illinois	3,235,233.48	672,560.00
Missouri	3,374,205.13	102,113.43
Mississippi	2,753,873.69	90,160.00
Iowa	1,097,715.84	150,320.00
Louisiana	10,686,231.00	2,240.00
Arkansas	8,520,792.50	142,840.00
Florida	11,630,271.51	3,180.00
Total	42,628,158.94	1,168,451.51

State.	Date of net.	Miles of road.	Area of grant.	Net which will entire.
Iowa Fiorida	15th May, 1656 17th May, 1856	1,195	Acres 4, 309, 000 2, 419, 300	Acres. 2,456,000 1,814,400
Alabama	(17th May, 1856) 3d June, 1856(11th Aug., 1856)	1,964	4,853,760	1,212,390
Louisians	3d June, 1856	696	2,403,840	1,609,560
Mississippi . Wisconsin Michigan	11th Aug., 1856 3d June, 1856 3d June, 1856	330 590 1,075	1,967,900 9,150,400 4,198,000	950, 400 1,629, 800 3,006,000
Total		5,610	21,542,400	13, 755, 550

Since the last annual report, the grant to Arkansas and Missouri for the Cairo and Fulton railroad and branches, under the act of 5th February, 1853, has been nearly closed, and the lands remaining to the general government have been restored, by a public proclamation, to sale and entry. The quantity of land enuring to the States named in virtue of this grant is as follows, viz:

	Area of grant.	Net selec- tions.
	Acres.	Aeres.
Missouri, for her past of the Caire and Fulton	919,989	54,066
Fulton	1,160,067 397,347 550,585	264,779 130,000 550,525
Total	9,397,901	1,519,363

From this it will be seen that, in consequence of previous sales, swamp selections, and other disposals, the quantity enuring to the States falls short of the area of the grant, as

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The major is a state title in case of the rejection of the States and the authorities of the State. In May last the register at Marys-rille reported that many surveyors in the State had been returning to the authorities, as swamp, tracts of land not of the legislature parties were allowed to take up claims of 300 acres of "swamp and overflowed lands," and those surveyors were employed in locating the same; that in many cases within his own knowledge settlers in good faith, laws, found their "lands, improvements, and dwelling-houses covered up by these swamp and overflowed land diams, taken up on apscalation," and that is one and dwelling-houses covered up by these swamp and overflowed land diams, taken up on apscalation," and that is one instances the lands thus chained were valued at \$30 per acre. As to the governor of California, and concert of scalins surgested between the authorities of the State and general government; and that, before any suels in that part of the State, conference should be had with the authorities of the State and general government; and that, before any suels in that part of the State, conference should be had with the authorities of the State and general government; and that, before any suels in that part of the State, conference should be had with the authorities of the State, conference should be had with the authorities of the State and general of the State and general government; and the section of the grant it is also projected as specially as practicable to relieve the conflict of the section of the sec

others have since come to hand. The adjustment of the grant now in progress, with the co-operation of the regular order of issue under our system. The accounts of receivers of public moneys and disbursing agents of the State, will be completed as rapidly as possible.

The map of final location of the "Alabama and Florida," being the road from Montgomery, in the direction of Penascola, and of its continuation to the last-mentioned point, together with informal maps of the "Girard and Mobile" road in Alabama, and of the Louisiana portion of the New Orleans and Jackson road, have been received, on all of which such official action will be had as may be admissible preliminary to the legislation of those States for accepting the grants.

It is understood that the legislature of the State of Wisconsin have just accepted the grant for her roads, by the passage of an act authorizing certain companies to receive the grant of lands to that State.

The following is an approximate estimate of the quantity of lands which will probably enure to each State under those new grants, after deducting estimated States, and other disposals of lands within the prescribed limits, viz:

mission of one per cent. on all the moneys expressed in the receipts by them filed and entered, and of which they shall have transmitted an account to the Secretary of the Treasury; provided always, that the whole amount which any register of the land offices shall receive under the provisions of this act shall not exceed, for any one year, the sum of three thousand dollars."

ions of this act shall not exceed, for any one year, the sum of three thousand dollars."

The rule which was adopted by the Treasury for the computation of commissions under this act was rejected by the Supreme Court in the case of United States ex. Dickson, (XV. Peters, fo. 141, et seg.,) and decided to be contrary to the intention of the act.

The court decided that "the commission is a compensation attached to the particular office for his yearly service, and not to the office itself for a fiscal year." And in conformity with the decision of the court in the case referred to, the accountants were instructed to calculate the commissions of receivers of public moneys in the following manner:

missions of receivers of public moneys in the following manner:

First. If, under a temporary appointment, made by the President during the recess of the Senate, sums received by a receiver of public moneys shall have amounted to \$250,000, and shall have been duly accounted for at the treasury, then such receiver will be entitled to his maximum of commissions for said temporary service, which ends with the day preceding the date of his commission under the Senate's confirmation. Thus, for example:

A B was appointed by the President receiver of public moneys on the 1st November, 1855, and gave his bond and took his oath, and receipted for the books and papers on the 1st December, 1855, and was subsequently appointed by the President, and confirmed by the Senate for the term of four years from and after the 1st January, 1856, Now, if the moneys received prior to 1st January, 1856, amounted to \$250,000, and were duly accounted for, such receiver was entitled to one month's salary, and to his maximum of commissions of \$2,500, although he had served but for one mohth.

Second. If under his confirmed appointment, dated January 1, 1856, the moneys received in the year ending December 31, 1856, ashall amount to \$250,000, the receiver will be entitled to his maximum when such sum shall be accounted for at the treasury.

Under this rule, should the receiver's office become vacount, and a new receiver be appointed each quarter, each receiver would be entitled to the maximum some mission of receiver would be entitled to the maximum some process.

muring to the States falls short of the area of the grant, as follows:

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Making a total of acres less than the quantity within the limits claimed.

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